



Summer 2025 Highlights

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ABBEYDALE INDUSTRIAL HAMLET

Step into the past and explore the industry that shaped Sheffield

Immerse yourself in life at home and at work at this picturesque rural scythe and steelworks established in the 1700s.

Open Thu–Sun

Abbeydale Road South, Sheffield, S72QW

GRAVES GALLERY

Discover great art in the heart of the city

Explore the Art Deco home of Sheffield's acclaimed visual art collection and a range of changing exhibitions.

Open Tue–Sat

Above the Central Library, Surrey Street, Sheffield, S11XZ

KELHAM ISLAND MUSEUM

Celebrating 300 years of Sheffield making history

Explore the story of making in the city, from master craftsmen to mass production, and see the mighty River Don Engine in action (runs Thu–Sun, 12 & 2pm, please check website).

Open Tue–Sun

Alma Street, Sheffield, S3 8RY

MILLENNIUM GALLERY

Bringing the best in art and design to Sheffield

See dazzling changing exhibitions alongside collection displays celebrating Sheffield's metalworking excellence and the visionary ideas of artist and writer, John Ruskin.

Open Tue–Sun

Arundel Gate, Sheffield, S12PP

SHEPHERD WHEEL WORKSHOP

See Sheffield's knife grinding history brought to life

Experience the working waterwheel and machinery in action in this historic water-powered workshop dating back more than five centuries.

Open Sat & Sun

Whiteley Woods, off Hangingwater Road, Sheffield, S112YE

WESTON PARK MUSEUM

Stories of Sheffield and its people, from prehistory to present day

Discover art, archaeological treasures and zoological wonders, meet visitor favourites like Spike the Woolly Rhino and explore the lives of Sheffield people across the centuries.

Open Tue–Sun

Western Bank, Sheffield, S10 2TP



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Families – holiday fun starts here!

Daunted by the prospect of entertaining the kids for six long weeks of school hols?

We've got you covered, with lots of hands-on creative sessions across the museums throughout the summer break, and the May half term too. Activities run 12–3pm on the following days:

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| Tue | Weston Park Museum |
| Wed | Millennium Gallery |
| Thu | Kelham Island Museum |

There's no need to book – if you're able to donate £3, you'll be helping keep these sessions available for everyone to enjoy.

Looking for more family fun?

Find out more about our new bookable family workshops at Abbeydale, along with our term-time National Saturday Club creative sessions for 13–16 year olds and Under 5s sessions, on our website.



For full listings of exhibitions and events scan the QR code or visit sheffieldmuseums.org.uk/whats-on

150 years of Weston Park Museum

Weston Park Museum has been delighting visitors since 1875. Today, it sparks the imaginations of thousands of people every year, from the tiniest tots to legions of lifelong fans. To celebrate its birthday we're lining up a bumper programme of events, activities and displays – visit our website for full details as they're announced.



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Enjoy summer at Abbeydale

We can't wait to welcome you to Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet this summer. Explore this picturesque historic treasure in the sunshine, see the Davy Bros steam engine in action and discover new interpretation bringing the Hamlet's remarkable stories to life. And keep an eye out for more exciting developments coming soon!

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Discover more with our events programme

Whether you want to dig deep into Sheffield history or develop a new creative skill, our programme of talks, tours and workshops across the museums has something for everyone. You can find full listings on our website – including an unmissable series of events in association with Weston Park Museum's popular Pete McKee exhibition.



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Liliane Tomasko: The Psyche of the Portrait

24 May – 12 Oct 2025

Millennium Gallery

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For this new exhibition, New York-based visual artist Liliane Tomasko uses portraiture as an acute lens to shed light on the ever-changing human psyche. Her bold, abstract paintings respond directly to four key portraits in Sheffield's collection, deftly drawing parallels between the creation of those original works and the development of psychological study.

Liliane Tomasko, *Psyche (tunneling through forbidden areas)*, 2025
© the artist



Penny McCarthy: How to Look Through Time

12 Jul – 20 Dec 2025

Graves Gallery

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Penny McCarthy's work finds new ways to consider time, loss and preservation. This exhibition builds on her interest in how chaos, uncertainty and catastrophe are bound into art history, with new works presented in dialogue with one of the highlights of the city's collection, Titian's large-scale woodcut, *The Submersion of Pharaoh's Army in the Red Sea*, 1549.

Penny McCarthy, *The Last Sea (detail)* © the artist



Graves Gallery redisplay continue

Opening Apr & May 2025

Graves Gallery

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Discover a host of new favourites in the refreshed displays at the Graves Gallery this summer. New additions include work by Edward Burne-Jones, Lucien Freud, Fay Godwin, Chloe Dewe Mathews, John Muafangejo, Kateřina Šedá, Stanley Spencer and more. Visit our website for info on the latest changeovers, generously supported by The Ampersand Foundation.

Peter de Francia, *Portrait of an African Girl (detail)*, 1957
© estate of Peter de Francia.





Colour

19 Jun – 14 Sep 2025
 Millennium Gallery
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L-R, details of: Edward Lear, Parrot, collection of the Guild of St George; Michael Eden, Cyan Bloom, 2014 (detail). Presented to Tullie House Museum by the Contemporary Art Society, 2014, through the Omega Fund © the artist; Charlotte Catharine Murray, Study of a Foxglove, collection of the Guild of St George; Peter Lely, Margaret Brooke, Lady Denham, c1664.

We live in a dazzling kaleidoscope of shades and hues. Colour is a constant source of wonder – it is key to helping us make sense of the world, used to communicate by wildlife, plants and people alike. It can reflect and affect our emotions and form great works of art. It has the power to symbolise who we are and what we believe, and is at the heart of some of our most enduring traditions.

Bringing together over 150 objects spanning art, science, nature and cultural histories, this new exhibition explores a spectacular world of colour – how we see it, how it's made, how it's used and what it means.

A MAGNET partnership exhibition, with Art Fund support and supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England.



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Pick up exclusive Pete McKee Merchandise

To celebrate his visitor-favourite exhibition, *The Boy with a Leg Named Brian*, we've collaborated with Pete McKee to develop a brand-new range of merchandise available exclusively at the Weston Park Museum shop.

With tea towels, fridge magnets, tote bags, notebooks and more, as well as the book accompanying the exhibition, grab a memento or find a perfect gift for the McKee fan in your life.



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The perfect place to say 'I do'

Looking for a wedding venue that's full of character? Kelham Island Museum and Weston Park Museum are both steeped in Sheffield history. Or if you're after that perfect mix of classic and contemporary, the light-filled, flexible spaces at the Millennium Gallery fit the bill. For more information and to book your show around, get in touch with our experienced team:

Visit sheffieldmuseums.org.uk/weddings or email hospitality@sheffieldmuseums.org.uk

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